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Housing group pitches multi-unit project

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Staff Reporter

County-based housing organization Places for People is asking the County of Haliburton to partner with it on the development of an affordable housing project that would be located on an undeveloped portion of the Wee Care property along County Road 21, that property owned by the county.

Haliburton County councillors heard a presentation from members of Places for People during their online Aug. 26 meet-

ing.
"Our specific goal is 10 to 12 units by September of 2022," said Fay Martin, the organization's vice president and one of its founding members.

Places for People currently owns five properties with a total of eight rental units in the county. It purchased and renovated those dwellings, renting them to tenants at affordable rates, with the goal of putting those tenants in a position to become owners of their own homes at some point.

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Lions promote literacy and fun

Local children's author Marie Gage reads to a small group at the Stories in the Park Fun Fair on Wednesday, Aug. 26 at Head Lake Park in Haliburton. See more on page 14. /DARREN LUM Staff

Masks mandatory for students of all ages going back to school

Plans for staggered start, one-course block for high school students discussed at TLDSB meeting

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

All students physically going back to school in Haliburton County next month will be required to wear masks, regardless of which grade they are in.

At an Aug. 25 board meeting, Trillium Lakelands District School board trustees passed a motion for students in kindergarten through Grade 3 to wear masks in class and on the bus, extending provincial requirements announced earlier in the month by the Ministry of Education that

made it mandatory for students in Grade 4 to 12 to wear masks upon returning to schools in Ontario during the coronavirus pandemic. The school board had previously encouraged but not required students in lower grades to wear masks.

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Recovery from Guillain–Barre Syndrome topic of recent episode of local podcast

Last June, Amanda Lytle began her journey as the creator and host of a podcast called *The Safe Haven*. It focuses on sharing of her guests' life stories and personal experiences, many of which are from local residents of Haliburton County. As the podcast grows, the variety of stories

This week, Lytle's guest is Mallory Bishop, a local woman who attended Haliburton Highlands Secondary School at the same time Lytle did years ago. They reconnected in the spring through a mutual friend, Kathryn Darling (Berube), who was telling Bishop about the podcast and how it would be a great platform for her to share one of the most impactful experiences of her life.

Imagine going from near perfect health, talking, walking, working, and living your best life, to completely paralyzed and fighting for your life within days. In this episode, Mallory Bishop shares her experience with an upper respiratory infection gone wrong, with symptoms that progressed so quickly she found herself completely paralyzed from the neck down only days later.

The diagnosis was Guillain-Barre Syndrome, a rare neurological disorder where your immune system attacks your nervous system. In Bishop's case, it stripped her peripheral nervous system and left her almost completely paralysed for months.

"This story blew my mind. This conversation is a perfect example of why I never want to know too much about my guest's story before hearing it in full. You'll hear my surprise and disbelief while experiencing your



own as Mal shares her experience," Lytle said.

You can listen to The Safe Haven Podcast on Apple Podcasts, Spotify and by following the links from the Instagram account @thesafehavenpodcast.

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Hike to feature relics of county's iron mining past

JENN WATT

Editor

The search for iron and the potential wealth it could bring was part of the early history of Haliburton County. In the area between Tory Hill and Kinmount, test holes and mine sites can still be found along the countryside – relics of the work of industrialists like Charles Pusey.

Highlands East artist Gary Blundell has used these abandoned mine sites as inspiration for his current exhibition Navigations of Iron, showing at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden.

To enhance the exhibition and to provide real-life context for Blundell's work, a day-long outing has been planned for Saturday, Sept. 12 led by historian Guy Scott and Blundell, examining "the connections between human history, landscape and geology and how minerals have throughout human history become the resources that we use to modernize ourselves," the workshop description reads.

The group meets at the Furnace Falls parking lot on County Road 503 between Kinmount and Gooderham on Sept. 12 at 10 a.m. From there, they will go to the smelting furnace and some old mine sites. After lunch, the group will drive by car to Pusey's church in Irondale and then visit the old railway bridge and last remaining building from the I.B.&O. Railroad at Howland Junction.

If there is time, the group will continue to the gallery in Minden to view the paintings.

Those attending are asked to dress appropriately for a hike through the woods and to bring water to drink and a lunch. There is no fee for the hike, but donations are welcome. To find out more about the exhibition or to connect with Blundell, visit his website: www.hotspurstudio.com. (Navigations in Iron can be viewed Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden until Sept. 26.)

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Dysart council speaks to priority of climate change actions

Staff Reporter

Dysart et al councillors are the latest in the county to accept a corporate climate change mitigation plan for the township, as was presented by Korey McKay, the county's climate change co-ordinator during an Aug. 25 council meeting.

According to McKay's presentation, the corporate climate change mitigation plan "focuses on reducing greenhouse gas emissions that are directly controlled by the municipality; outlines potential opportunities for reducing the municipality's carbon footprint and achieving the emissions reduction targets and builds on existing efforts and suggests best practices that should be explored for our local con-

McKay, who was hired by the county last fall, has been working on a county climate change plan, having previously visited the county and lower-tier municipalities to set greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets in order to reduce GhG emissions across the county and its four local municipalities by 30 per cent below 2018 levels by 2030. Dysart et al councillors adopted greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets for the municipality as part of the county's climate change mitigation plan during a Feb. 25 council meet-

The first phase of the project is the creation of corporate climate change mitigation plan for the county and each of the four lower tiers, corporate greenhouse gas emissions being those that are produced by the municipal governments themselves. Eighty-six per cent of Dysart et al's corporate emissions come from waste, or landfills, while nine per cent come from vehicle fleet and five per cent from buildings. The GHG reduction target for the municipality is to reduce corporate emissions by 20 per cent for buildings; 10 per cent for fleet and 80 per cent for waste from the 2018 baseline by 2030.

The goals within the mitigation plan are to improve energy efficiency and transition to low carbon and renewable sources of energy in municipal facilties; reduce fuel consumption and transition to low carbon vehicles and fuels; reduce and divert organic waste from landfills and improve corporate waste management and landfill data and integrate climate change considerations across municipal programs, policies and plans.

Actions recommended by McKay include developing and implementing a green new building policy; and creating a schedule to retrofit existing buildings, installing electric vehicle charging stations in municipal parking lots and developing and implementing a green fleet policy, and continuing to support and promote backyard composting, complete a waste composition study at the landfill sites, working to reduce waste that is generated from municipal facilities, invest in scales to provide more accurate data on tonnage, expand options for re-use, and exploring the use of a bag tag system and a bag limit policy.

McKay noted that the county and other municipalities within the region have similar actions in their own plans as well "so a lot of this effort can be shared amongst us all." Despite that McKay said there would be projects that would be done separately within municipalities.

A joint municipal climate change working group was recommended "for county-

wide collaboration and outgoing input and support for the adoption of practices and policies designed to reduce green-house gas emissions," and McKay said that could involve staff and potentially council members, with opportunity for community members to offer input in the

Councillor John Smith thanked McKay for the summary but asked what action could be taken more immediately.

'I'd say some in the community are anxious to see more action at a little faster pace," he said.

He asked what could be done sooner regarding organic waste to reduce and divert it from landfills, noting "the amount of organic waste that shows up at our landfill sites is frankly remarkable," and that although there had been efforts in Dysart and elsewhere to encourage people to compost at home, many commercial establishments are also producing organic waste. Smith said he wanted to see more immediate action at addressing piles of organic waste that were being dumped at landfills, which he said residents had sent him photos of – "basically a truckload that's been dumped."

McKay said that would be a goal of the working group, to look at different composting options, which would be a focus in implementing the plan.

You know, your report here speaks. to Dysart reducing its impact from a landfill point of view by 80 per cent," said Smith. "That's a little bit misleading, because frankly, the greenhouse gases produced by our landfills is not defined by 80 per cent. The fact that our landfills are filled to capacity and we haul our garbage away. It may end up at a site where you know, they're capturing the methane but today big fuel-burning trucks are hauling garbage from Dysart to places like Chatham and Watford in southwestern Ontario, over 1,000 kilometres return trip. It's not good. So this organic waste, opportunities to utilize it locally would be critically important. Addressing it in the long-term is one thing, but what can we do in the short-term? How do we get this to the top of your agenda?"

Smith said it isn't just backyard composting but commercial enterprises that don't have an opportunity to compost beside their store or restaurant.

McKay said if council wanted that to be a priority, it was on the plan to be explored by the working group. Mayor Andrea Roberts said it could also be added to a council meeting agenda next

"I'd like to see us talk about this a little more seriously, there's so many things we could be doing and we kind of just keep deferring these things," said Smith. "Back in the spring there was a desire to declare a climate change emergency ... but council overruled that. There are so many practical things that could be done that we don't talk about, we don't promote, we don't get staff engaged in driving these things and it's extremely frustrating to people in the community who care deeply and are very concerned about climate change, the inaction and the unwillingness to get these things on an agenda and create some real changes, it's extremely

Roberts said it was also a priority for council.

with files from Chad Ingram

Small-town connections deliver news of Rotary car draw win

JENN WATT

Editor

On the night of the Rotary Club of Haliburton's car draw, Judy Neimann was out of town, forgetting entirely that she could be the lucky winner of a new Camaro or \$30,000 cash. In fact, winning the draw was so far from her mind that she didn't worry that she had put an outof-service phone number on her ballot.

"I had put the phone number on [the ballot] of my little house in the village and then I had shut that phone off and they couldn't reach me," Neimann laughs.

So when her winning ballot was pulled from the drum on Wednesday, Aug. 5 by Rotarians Ted Brandon and Maureen O'Hara, it took some small-town resourcefulness to get the news to the Neimann.

"Luckily, Lorry Brandon [a volunteer with the Rotary Club] knows my daughter and so she called my daughter and my daughter called me and then I called Ted," she said.

Hearing about her big win through family members was likely just as exciting as getting the call directly from Rotarians. With the car draw still not on her mind, she didn't know what news her daughter Erin Neimann was calling about that night.

"Erin called me and she said, 'are you sitting down?' and I said 'yes,' and she said, 'we have something exciting to tell you,' and you know I had thought about the draw ... that morning and then never thought about it again," she said. "... I still didn't think of it and then the three of them – she and my husband and my granddaughter – all together said 'you won the car!' and I was in total shock, in fact I think I started to cry.'

Once COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted, she said she'd like to use the money to go on a cruise.

Neimann said she has been buying Rotary car draw tickets for about 30 years and never expected to win. Buying tickets was about supporting the work of the Rotary Club, she said.

"Thank you to the Rotary Club," she said. "Not just for the prize, but for all they do in the community. That's why I bought the ticket in the first place."



Haliburton resident Judy Neimann was the winner of this year's Rotary Club of Haliburton car draw. Neimann was given the choice of a new Camaro or \$30,000 cash. She chose to take the cash prize. From left, Rotary president Ted Brandon, granddaughter Freyja Neimann-Rowe, Judy Neimann, and Rotarian Maureen O'Hara. / Photo by Bob Bullock



Complex would better meet community need: P4P

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Eighteen families have lived in its buildings during the 13 years of the organization's existence

"People have a right and a need to appropriate housing," Martin said of the organization's philosophy. "Without secure housing, they can't reasonably be expected to thrive, and when people don't thrive, neither do their communities, either socially or economically."

The County of Haliburton has sent a goal of creating 750 housing units during the next decade

"We could like to contribute 40 of those units," Places for People president Jody Curry told councillors.

"We're pivoting from renovating older family homes and duplexes, as Fay described, to building new, multi-unit developments for mixed populations of one- and two-person households," Curry said. "We've chosen new build to increase the housing stock, and make use of modern approaches to energy efficiency and design. We've chosen multi-unit to make faster progress towards meeting pressing community need."

Curry said the organization's goal is to create 10 to 12 units every two to three

"There is convincing research that multi-unit developments in small clusters offer opportunities to create healthier communities by mixing age and socio-economic status," she said. "Our projects will house tenants that require affordable rent, and tenants that fall into the missing middle. Those are the people who earn too much to require subsidies, but not enough to afford current market rents."

"We are focusing on one- and two-per-



affordable housing organization Places for People speak to Haliburton County councillors during an Aug. 26 meeting about a potential multi-unit project on an undeveloped portion of the countyowned Wee Care property. /CHAD **INGRAM Staff**

son households because that is the greatest need in our county," Curry continued. "Stats show that 76 per cent of households here are comprised of one or two persons, but only six per cent of our housing stock is one-bedroom, and that's a very large

Curry said the organization has been planning its proposed project for the past couple of years, and expects it to cost between \$2 million and \$2.5 million.

"All we need is a piece of property,"

The County of Haliburton purchased the Wee Care property, which totals 3.5 acres, in late 2019 for \$770,000. The county acts as landlord to Wee Care, which continues to be operated by the daycare pro-

"We are interested in partnering with you to develop this property on a mixeduse basis, that would protect and augment its current use as a childcare facility and also help to address the housing shortage in the county," Curry said. "We would like to construct clusters of a combination of affordable and market-rent units in an appropriately scaled development. We see the potential for a phased, inclusive development that could incorporate other community uses as well."

Places for People treasurer Max Ward emphasized the strong community support the organization is given, receiving \$89,000 in donations and garnering some \$16,000 through fundraising during the past year. "This is particularly impressive because we didn't even have a project on the go at the time, and our donations tend to increase when we have a visible project," Ward said.

'We've been borrowing and repaying money from community members successfully from the get-go," he said. "Local investors have made each of our property purchases possible. All but one of our mortgages are held by local individuals."

Ward told councillors that Places for People's properties have a combined market value of approximately \$800,000. "Only \$283,000 of that debt is outstanding," he said. "We intend to leverage this equity to fund a portion of our next project. Going forward, community investment will play an even bigger role, as we branch out into larger, multi-unit developments. We have been for over a year, preparing to formalize and expand our community loan program as a community bond program. Community bonds allow non-profits, charities and co-operatives in Ontario to borrow funds from their support network to finance a capital project."

'Community bonds are a better investment than GICs in many ways, because an investor gets to invest in our community, the money stays here and helps in the county in all sorts of ways," Ward said, adding those bonds would be RESP- and TFSA-eligible.

"It's great to see a proposal like this," said County Warden Liz Danielsen. " ... As you know, when we discuss acquisition or use of real property, we will go into closed session to deliberate what you're proposed to us, we may ask for some documentation going forward, but this is a fabulous opportunity for us to

"Certainly, housing is one of the core reasons why I got involved in municipal politics," said Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin. "And, like connectivity, no one path by itself will lead to success.

"This is an exciting proposal, and I'm sure that county council will give it due consideration and we will get back to you," Danielsen said.





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TLDSB mask policy to align with health unit rules

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Trustee John Byrne noted that in some other school boards, masks were being made mandatory for all students, not just those in Grade 4 and higher, and that some students were not coming to school because masks had not been made mandatory. His question led to a motion that all students would be required to wear a mask with reasonable exemptions, those being outlined in the board's Return to School Plan.

Vice-chair and trustee David Morrison said he had received many comments from people about the issue, and had done much reading on the topic, including the report from SickKids, public health literature, and the request from the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario to the province's chief medical officer of health earlier that morning that every student wear a mask

He said that currently, health units were mandating that public wear a mask in a grocery store and other indoor public spaces, including small children over the

age of two.

"And yet in schools, we're looking at a situation where you may have 30 people in the room, and just because they're young, we're saying, OK, you can get by with a metre, no mask," he said. "It seems like there's two different sets of rules that we're applying to all of this and for me, I think ... you have to extrapolate, you know, it's not just the classroom, it's the community that's attached

Morrison said that in grocery stores, clerks might be in proximity with people but in many cases had a shield, a mask, greater distancing and controlled numbers of adults in the store, compared to teachers in classrooms.

"This person at the front of the room doesn't have the luxury of all of those things. So we need to put as many layers ... the whole thing works on the sum of all of the layers of protection you can put in place ... I think that asking all the students, everybody that's in our building, to wear a mask, is not an unreasonable thing just for the safety of all the people that could possibly be affected, not just in the building," he said. "Does that create challenge, yeah, I suspect it does, but what's not creating challenge right now? This is what we have to deal with. I can tell you there's real concern out there from all the people I've heard from, and I've heard from a lot of people."

Trustee Gary Brohman said it would be a learning experience but didn't know of a downside of further mask use outside of what the province had mandated. "We're recommending it, yet it's not mandatory," he said. "Well if you're recommending safety, then it should

He said that of the people he spoke to, they told him small kids might need numerous masks a day should they lose them, or get them wet or dirty. He wanted to ensure parents of young children could be supported in covering the cost of numerous masks a day, if needed.

Wesley Hahn, TLDSB director of education, said health and safety was the number one priority, but noted that offering PPE would escalate the expenditures considerably and would need to be a budget consideration. He said funding for additional PPE might mean the school board would have to go further into the reserves.

Superintendent Tim Ellis said the school board was ordering masks to support staff, about 2.4 masks a day per staff member, and that they had previously been planning on being prepared with a back-up mask for students in Grades 4 to 12 who did not bring their own. He said he could look into the cost of providing PPE for students in lower grades if trustees required that information to make a decision.

"The number is insignificant," said Byrne, who said he was willing to draw down from reserves if need be. "If I can keep COVID out of the school, I'm saving a lot more money than closing down classrooms, sending kids home, whatever, because one individual had a positive COVID test."

Questions were raised in the meeting about how to enforce the policy.

"Based on my experiences at elementary school, with children, I would say it becomes a cultural issue in the school," said trustee Stephen Binstock. "Make it mandatory, it may not be 100 per cent the first week, but I think over a relatively short period of time, it will be adopted. And if I've learned anything from working with JK to [Grade] 3 students, don't underestimate what they can do when they know it's right."

Another trustee commented that of the letters she had been receiving from teachers, one of the points they were making was that they wanted mandatory masks, and that she thought they would be ready to help their stu-

Face masks were made mandatory in businesses in Haliburton County as of July 13, according to instructions issued by the local medical officer of health through the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health

Staggered start being planned

According to the Return to School plan, "there will be a staggered start to the school year for the first two weeks for elementary students and the first week for secondary students. This gives schools the opportunity to support students as they are introduced to classroom routines, school schedules, and COVID-19 safety protocols." The majority of parents do not yet know which day their student will start school, information that will be coming from schools when it is available.

Hahn said the board is "going to take a really close look" at plans for a staggered start, in which elementary students might stagger in to school over a two-week period along with the remote setting students, and secondary students would stagger in during the first week,

beginning full-time during the second week.
"We want to make sure we're ready," he said. "That staff are ready, that we have the right schedules, the right pieces in place that staff can be successful when we start to do this ... We are trying to make sure we don't have to do things two or three times, we want to make sure we get it right so we don't confuse people.'

He noted this is why it is taking time to roll finalized plans out.

"Once we finalize in the next couple of days, we will definitely make sure it's out to the communities," he

Trustee Judy Saunders asked if there was a chance the staggered start as it has been sent home might change.

There is," said Hahn. "We're going to take a really good look at it. We want to be really upfront. If for some reason we need extra time, even on the elementary side, that might look different. We might shift that slightly. We don't like to do that to parents. We know they need to know that information now. But it doesn't help to rush that and then find out we're not ready. We will take a close look at it. If we don't have to change it, we won't. But we're going to look at it to make sure we can be

High school students to focus on one course at a time

While initially, it was planned that secondary school students in the TLDSB region would use a "quadmester" semester in which they studied two credits at a time, with two courses learned from Sept. 8 to Nov. 12 and two courses learned from Nov. 13 to Feb. 1, changes have been made following a suggestion from the Ministry of Education to reduce the number of people students are in contact with, keeping to under 100. Students will now follow a block schedule known as an "octomester," in which they work on one course at a time.

"Courses will be scheduled for 225 minutes of teaching with the Period 1 teacher," reads the updated Return to School plan. "A staggered 40-minute lunch as well as five to 10 minute breaks will be scheduled during this time.' The period one course will be scheduled from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, period two will be scheduled from Oct. 15 to Nov. 16, period three will be scheduled from Nov. 17 to Dec. 17 and period four will be scheduled from Dec. 18 to Feb. 1.

While it was suggested by a trustee that many students will be affected adversely by concentrating on one subject for more than 20 days in a row, superintendent Katherine McIver said the TLDSB had already successfully run a block program during summer school and the adult and alternate education schools, and said educators would have to be attuned to student mental health but that the program could build off the success of what TLDSB had already experienced.

Virtual school being created for remote learning

Hahn said about 15 per cent of students across the TLDSB region have chosen a remote learning option, which equates to about 1,800 elementary students and just over 500 secondary students, and that the school board is essentially building a school online, with principal, vice-principal, secretarial, special education support and guidance roles. The school board is still looking at models to determine operating, whether for example



Well, if you're recommending safety, then it should be mandatory.

— Trustee Gary Brohman

the virtual elementary school might work as one unit of 1,800 or three units of 600 students.

Students were required by the board to be registered for in-person or remote learning by Aug. 13, a dead-line later extended by the board to Aug. 17. Families who have chosen the virtual learning option can request paper packages and phone check-ins from a teacher rather than using online technology.

Though Hahn said the school board will be able to

offer French classes online, it cannot offer a French immersion setting, which is an option available in person in Haliburton County at Stuart Baker Elementary School.

"We're doing our best and we're going to work with families the best we can in those situations to offer those enhanced opportunities and work with the administrators of the remote program to work with those families,"

Hahn said it has been asked if there is a significant difference in demographic of students who have chosen inperson or remote learning, and he said it has been balanced between ages and grades.

Final updates for families in the works

Hahn began his update at the meeting by noting the times are unprecedented.

'Another busy week, another busy couple of weeks ... lots of change, lots of things moving rather quickly and I hate to keep using the same terms over and over but the amount of moving parts that are happening and the amount of things that we're dealing with, with quick timelines, to get things rolling is really ... it's unlike anything I've seen and certainly what the team has seen.'

The school board released a Return to School plan on Aug.21, which was updated after the Aug. 25 meeting, and after the initial launch Hahn said the school board had heard "great feedback" from families about it.

'Obviously there's still a lot of concern out there, still a lot of questions, and we continue to try to answer those questions as we move along."

Hahn said he had met with administrators, for the first time since his role began replacing previous director Larry Hope this summer, and said they showed "energy and commitment to making this work and getting things ready for staff to come into the buildings." He noted that "change is something we've come to expect," but that the school board has student registrations now and can build schedules and the best plan for conventional or remote learning.

Trustee Gary Brohman said he knew the "Ministry throws curves at you guys all the time," and congratulated the team for the family and staff plan which he called an "unbelievable document," but said families

needed a firm plan, soon.
"You've talked about the next couple of days, the next couple of days, well, families are going nuts," said Brohman. "So can you give a day of next Monday, or, I know it's always moving, but it has to end some time, for people to make arrangements ... Do you think there is a final time for you?"

Hahn said that with any quick updates, TLDSB would be contacting families regularly, right away, and that without further changes "we're going to be really ready to go in the next few days," noting that they would like to get it settled as well.

Trustees also asked questions of how busing might vork if parents are also dropping students off i parking lots, how possible changes to ventilation and filtration systems are being planned for, and what mornings before school starts might look like at high school if students are to cohort within one class.

The updated Return to School plan with information about a staggered start, mandatory masks, school day scheduling, and COVID-19 outbreak protocol as it becomes available can be accessed on the TLDSB website at www.tldsb.ca/update-to-return-to-school-guide-

Parents and guardians of children enrolled in TLDSB schools are asked to contact their child's school if they have questions regarding the Return to School plan.

points of view



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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Students mask up

T LEAST ONE trustee for ATrillium Lakelands District School Board has said he supports the board dipping further into its reserve funding to supply masks for all students who need them when in-school instruction resumes this

The board was already given the go-ahead from the province to access two per cent of its reserves, or about \$4 million, for additional health and safety measures including reducing class sizes. Since then, the board of trustees decided to widen the

age range of students required to don a mask, expanding from the previous Grade 4 students and older to now include all students attending a TLDSB school.

That's a welcome decision; as the back-to-school dates approach, anxiety is growing about how the integration of students will go. All the families who have been "bubbling" in

groups of no more than 10 are now facing the prospect of their children mixing with more than two dozen other kids outside of their bubbles each day. Buses, which will be organized by school and cohort as much as possible, won't be able to maintain physical distancing standards in many cases.

And although children don't tend to get as sick from the novel coronavirus, they certainly can contract it and spread it - and it doesn't matter whether they're in Grade 4 or not.

Trustees have rightly voiced their concerns about what back-to-school will look like over the course of several meetings, raising issue with the top-down approach employed by the provincial government and the class sizes that seem far too large

to observe the two-metre distancing health experts say is crucial to reduce the risk of COVID-19 spread.

Mandatory mask wearing isn't a perfect solution, but it certainly will improve safety for kids and staff, and subsequently their families and the wider community.

A recent study done by researchers at Duke University found that homemade masks can be very effective in stopping droplets from escaping when one is speaking. They found a polypropylene/cotton mask released five per cent of droplets and

pleated cotton masks released less than 20 per cent of droplets.

Knowing how important masks are to controlling the spread of the virus, it follows that the school board would ensure each child has one, securing a supply for teachers and bus drivers to hand out to kids who lose theirs, forget them, or get them wet or dirty.

Trustee Gary Brohman of Halibur-

ton, a former principal at Hal High, pointed out how likely it would be that the younger kids would find themselves maskless. And if they can't afford to, parents shouldn't have to foot the bill for extra masks,

Trustee John Byrne similarly argued in favour of supplying masks: "If I can keep COVID out of the school, I'm saving a lot more money than closing down classrooms, sending kids home, whatever, because one individual had a positive COVID test.'

Time is of the essence, and though there's a dizzying number of concerns for administrators to address in the next week, funding a supply of masks for all students should be at the top of the list.



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A quiet rest by the fountain

by Darren Lum

Cloud gazing in the Highlands, don'tcha know

Maybelle's

OW, I'M not claiming that the best clouds to watch are only the ones in the Haliburton Highlands skies because ol' Maybelle sticks pretty close to home so I don't have much to compare them to, don'tcha know; but, I am always over the moon giddy on days when cloud gazing right here in Lake Whaddaya-thinkImean (located in the Highlands) is not only my favourite entertainment, it's great fun to do with friends.

Like last Tuesday, when the sky was azure blue and filled with big dramatic clouds that I'm convinced were backlit by their own lighting-man-in-the-sky – illuminating all kinds of fascinatin' forms and images that I immediately got on the buzzer and called my buds to come straight on over..."And bring a camera, don'tcha know!'

So, there we were out back of my cottage – ol' Maybelle, Beanpole Starkman, Vilma Yuccch, her significant smother, Officer Stanley Penelope McBottom, Twindle Mumbly, and Sybil Buchannon Hughes all looking straight up at the sky. Oh, and Bogart, my bear, of course.

"Look at that," Twindle exclaimed, pointing at a billowing cloud with great grey-

ish holes, sounding as always like his mouth was full of marbles. "It's Bette Midler! Look," he insisted, "her big hair, and that big crazy smile of hers." Obviously, Twindle was a big Midler

"That's not Bette Midler!" shouted Beanpole. "It's a moose ... wearing a big curly wig.

Posh," said, Sybil in her upper crust British accent. "It's changing now ... see? It's morphing into ... my accountant, Mel Frishberg. Either Mel, or a rabbit ... see its big feet? Mel's feet enter a room before HE does!"

'What do you two lovebirds see?" I asked Vilma and Officer McB who were all quiet staring into each other's baby

blues. "Oh, I see a heart... a big poofy heart." "Yes, of course, you do, Vilma dear," I said. "And you, McB? What do you see?" Without taking his eyes off of her, he said gushingly, "Whatever Vilma sees."
"Oh my," escaped out of me in a

whisper.

"I see lots of things," Bogart said. He was wearing his thought/voice synthesizer cap so we could all hear what he was thinking, don'tcha know.
"And what might they be, dear?" I

asked.

"I see my forest friends...birds... there's a squirrel right there, can you see it?" he said.

"I DO, Bogart! And what a lovely bird. Big long wings!" Shifting my gaze to another set of clouds, I said, "Is

that a wild turkey over there?'

'Yes, a turkey! I see it, Maybelle," said Beanpole, excited about his find. "And look! it's wearing a hat. A party

"Either that or an ice cream cone on its head,"

Why if we weren't cloud gazing for a good 30 minutes or more, don'tcha know. We saw everything from an elephant wearing a pale blue COVID mask to an upside-down palm tree balancing a pair of cowboy boots on a

Then, before you could say, "Tea anybody?" the clouds morphed into a great smoky pudding making the response unanimous. "Sounds good to me!" everyone chirped. So, as we all headed into my cottage for a nice hot cuppa and slice of homemade banana bread, we flapped our lips about what we saw in the sky and how grateful we were to be living in such a cloud-gazing paradise...the Haliburton Highlands.

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. Jerelyn's books, "Vessie Flamingo Outshining the Moon," and "Maybelle's Cure for What Ails You" are available at amazon.com.

points of view

Birdbaths reconsidered

WALKED INTO the kitchen only to hear Jenn say, "Bathe, darn it. Please take a bath."

Since, she wasn't even looking at me at the time, I immediately sniffed my armpits. And, just as I suspected, they smelled exactly the way a man's arm pits should smell like a mixture of Old Spice and Clint Eastwood.

"I took a shower last night," I replied.

"Oh, no. I was talking to that robin over there," she clarified, as she pointed towards the window. "It's been on the grass beside the birdbath for the last three mornings and it hasn't gone in yet. In fact, not a single bird has used that birdbath all summer."

My immediate thought, based on what many people would consider a protracted childhood experience, was that all the birds in the neighbourhood must be juvenile males. This made perfect sense, yet I knew Jenn would reject this theory out of hand, partly because she has learned to be skeptical of any of the brilliant theories I spew forth, but mostly because she never had a brother. So, I kept this to

myself and offered her something a bit more scientific and evidence-

"Maybe the birds around here just prefer to shower," I sug-

"That's silly," she said, as she rolled her eyeballs. "Next you're going to tell me something stupid, like that they are all juvenile males."

"The thought never occurred to me," I responded.

The real question, if you ask me, is why do people want to watch birds bathe at all?

In fact, I would speculate further and say that this is probably the main reason birds are so skittish and weirded out around people in the first place. How would you feel if every time you took a bath, some human picked up a pair of binoculars and started watching you?

You'd probably find another place to bathe too, I bet. And why birds? As far as I can see, they are the only animal in the world whose bathing habits we are interested in. Heck, when my dogs or cats bathe, I can't look the other way fast enough.

Again, these are things I do not mention to Jenn, because frankly, they reveal a little too much about the way I think – and, as I have learned, that's also never a good thing.

Still, you have to admit this whole birdbath thing is a bit strange.

In fact, I'd bet that, in a few hundred years, after we've settled racism, sexism, violence, hunger, poverty, crime, corruption, tofu recipes and all the other horrible human problems further up the list, I believe we might have to finally face the moral dilemma we have created with bird-

I know; the idea was to create a place for birds to bathe and it was probably sold as a noble one. But had anyone thought of how insulting this is to birds?

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I suppose when we one day delve into this, we will first have to establish who invented the birdbath and what his

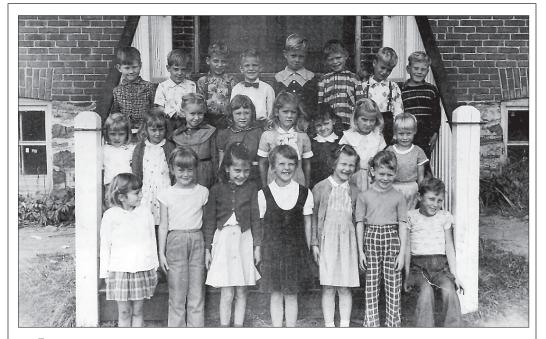
And don't tell me it was innocent either – otherwise there would be a privacy screen and they wouldn't be placed on a pedestal in the middle of your yard.

Luckily, before I said this aloud, my buddy Tom called and told me he was thinking of buying something in the country.

"What is it you want?" I asked.

"Well, I want a place with water that is undisturbed," he

I told him to hold the line for a moment. And then I asked Jenn if she'd like to sell her birdbath.



pic of the past

This week's pic of the past is a photo of the Gooderham Elementary School Grade 1 and 2 class of 1957. In back row from left: Tommy Carey, Philip Billings, Doug Dewey, Gary Webster, Eddie Hunter, Dennis Traviss, Tye Dewey and Robert Madill. Middle row: Betty Lou Raby, Georgina Macduff, Lyda Dewey, Linda Hunter, Glenda Macduff, Shirley Carey, Charlotte Macduff and Judy Dewey. Front row: Darlene Dewey, Ruth Barr, Barb Carey, Lois Maxwell, Wanitta Macduff, Bonnie Maxwell and Duncan Allen. This photo was originally submitted to the Echo by Carl Dewey. It was last published

letters to the editor

We are all part of the problem, and the solution

To the Editor,

The Canadian government recently reported that Canadians could suffer from more heatrelated illnesses and deaths during the summer months as the clock ticks towards 2100. Sciencebased data obtained by the Canadian government informs us that by the year 2100 summer temperatures in Canada could increase by six degrees Celsius (6°C) or more. This will mean that Canadians will have to endure ambient daytime temperatures of 50°C plus, unless the collective policies of all the world's governments unite and and pass legislation to reduce global CO2 emissions to at least those specified in the Paris Accord. In 2020 most of us find heat stress debilitating once the ambient temperature is approaching 40°C. We can only imagine how awful, disturbing and stressful it will be for those alive in 2100, if global warming is not limited to 1.5°C and summertime temperatures surge to 50°C or more.

As ambient temperatures reach new heights, major health effects can occur. One of the most life threatening conditions related to high ambient temperatures is heatstroke. Heatstroke is a serious medical emergency associated with a death rate and chronic disability for many who survive. In a state of heatstroke a person's temperature can sore as high as 41°C since the body can no longer selfregulate. At such high body temperatures sweating stops and the body temperature reaches toxic levels. Mental confusion progressing to delirium, convulsions and loss of consciousness, associated with organ failure of the heart, lungs, kidneys and liver can occur as the heat stroke progresses Sadly, despite medical interventions many with severe heatstroke die.

Canada has already experienced summertime temperatures over 40°C. One of Canada's worst events occurred in Montreal and surrounding areas in July 2018. During this summer of extreme heat many suffered from heat stress, which led to heat stroke in some cases. It is estimated that more than 70 people in the Montreal area died from heat stroke and its fatal complications in the summer of 2018. Most of those who died were elderly,

more often male, lived alone and had one or more

The events of heat stroke and climate crisis can be reduced by individual actions and by creative government policies at all levels of government in Canada and the world. Combating climate change and global warming should become the number one priority in our personal lives and in government policies. Climate scientists say that there is still time to limit global warming to 1.5°C, but that we have only 10 years or so in which to achieve this. If the increase in global temperature is not limited to 1.5°C within this short 10-year window of opportunity, the multitudinous ravages of the climate crisis and its disastrous environmental and health effects will be the inheritance that we will leave for future generations. The ways of life in Canada that we now cherish will be forever

We all are part of the problem and part of the solution. As individuals we can drive less, walk and bike more, buy smaller vehicles (electric if you can afford one!), fly less, have more "staycations," consume less, eat more of a plant-based diet, and enjoy more of the simple pleasures that life offers! At all political levels of government, addressing climate change should remain or become one of the main priorities of government legislation. Businesses too have a major role to play, and many businesses have become leaders on this issue. All institutes of learning should offer their students courses on environmental issues. Faith groups and service clubs should continue to make their followers and members aware of the dangers that our offspring will have to face if we do not personally and collectively continue to address the environmental crisis in which we

In 2020, the greatest legacy that parents and grandparents can leave for all children and grandchildren is a healthy, enjoyable, stable environment and ways of life similar to those that we have enjoyed here in Canada for many years.

> Jim Hollingworth MD Goderich



Escape to the End of the Rail

A visual diary of a young girl choosing to leave everything behind to observe life at the rails end

June 21, 2005

We've finally completed the big renovation for the gallery. The construction took place in 2004 and the reopening date is in a couple weeks, on July 4, 2005. The whole process was really quite incredible because they had to move the old building, which was rotting at the bottom, up off the ground, over a few feet away from the road, and onto the new foundation. One of the main things I noticed on the jobsite was how they reused some of the original materials. It was a very impressive feat of engineering and hard work! A lot of workers and community members got to keep some of the many railway spikes that were remaining from the old railway track as a little bit of souvenir. The takeaway from this experience was having a deeper appreciation for the care and expertise put into the preservation of our history. We'll soon welcome a new chapter of Haliburton Station as the Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre.

Until next time Diary...

Written by Jessica Byers

Come visit the Rails End Gallery to learn more about the evolution of Haliburton Station on our new slideshow presentation in the lobby.

Jessica Byers is the summer student at Rails End Gallery. Did you know Rails End has a call for entry to students from Grade 1 to 12 for their online student art exhibition? Find details at www.railsendgallery.



Book Review

Teardown: Rebuilding Democracy from the Ground Up

Author: Dave Meslin

Have you ever broken a rule in pursuit of a higher good? Perhaps you have begged forgiveness rather than asked for permission? Community activist Dave Meslin and his neighbours painted a mural directly on the pavement of a street in his neighbourhood ignoring the bylaw that restricted murals to walls. The beautiful road art drew media attention and with support from residents and the artist behind the design, Meslin and his group got approval for their project from city council. Road murals thus became legal in Toronto. Teardown begins with this inspiring story and ends with the same message:

Don't wait for permission or a personalized invitation. You have to invite yourself. This is your chance to find your political voice and declare war on cynicism. By tearing down the structures, assumptions and traditions that stand in our way, we can unleash our collective wisdom, love and imagination.'

In February of this year six members of Concerned Citizens of Haliburton County bought copies of Teardown from Master's Book Store and met once a week for three weeks. We finished the final discussion inspired and encouraged to take action and contribute positively to our community.

Ideas backed up by examples, whether in Meslin's hometown of Toronto, across the country or the world, are offered throughout the book. Teardown is not a theoretical examination of our current state of affairs. It is a handbook for anyone who thinks and cares about, public life. Meslin is practical, visionary, critical and unwavering in his belief in the power of ordinary people to affect social

Meslin is adept at explaining challenging concepts. He describes proportional representation using a local voting scenario with such clarity and simplicity that our group realized that we finally understood this aspect of electoral reform. Meslin provides convincing alternatives to the status quo in the chapter addressing the flaws in our voting system, suggesting that changes are needed to reinvigorate political activity. Meslin stresses, however that due to the vested interests of established parties, electoral

reform must happen at the grassroots with ordinary people leading the campaign.

In *Teardown*, Meslin documents the changes thave resulted in the deterioration of our political system. He is particularly critical of the power invested in a single leader. Party leaders in the past, have been selected by and thus accountable to the elected members of the party. Meslin's analysis includes comments of elected members of parliament frustrated by the lack of opportunity to speak about their concerns and those of their constituents. This shift to a greater

emphasis on leaders, at all levels of government, means that many voices are not heard to the detriment of the democratic process.

Meslin's activism and analysis is not all about opposition. The beauty of *Teardown* is that it offers concrete examples of innovative actions and projects such as Student Vote, a youth engagement organization that conducts mock elections across Canada. Our group endorsed Meslin's proposal to lower the voting age to 16 years, agreeing with his assertion that students should graduate with a deeper understanding of politics thus laying the foundation for greater engagement in

A minor criticism of *Teardown* is that its focus is on urban environments. While it would have been good to have some rural or small town references, the ideas and thrust of the book have relevance for those of us living

If you are feeling despondent about the current state of politics, read this book. If you want to do something but haven't got a focus, read this book. Read it preferably with some friends or acquaintances because who knows where your discussions will lead? For the Concerned Citizens of Haliburton County we began this year energized by Meslin's call to collective action with a renewed sense that the power is in the peo-

This review was first published in The Lindsay Advocate in the May 2020 issue and submitted to the Echo by Judy Paul.

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Blackbird Pottery marks anniversary year with market

Back by popular demand Blackbird Potfound a fun way to move forward. It's a and Vintage pop-up market featuring the work of local and guest artists on Friday, Sept. 4 and Saturday, Sept. 5 from 10 a.m.

It's hard to believe, but The Donald Schoolhouse has been home to Blackbird Pottery for five years. It's an odd time to celebrate, but at the same time, a poignant time to acknowledge. For most artists, plans for 2020 have been significantly modified, as shows, markets, exhibitions and teaching commitments have either been cancelled or deferred. But we've

choolhouse / 5, a Fine Craft — nod to the past, it's grassroots in style, it's a pleasure to attend, it's a small outdoor country market with friends!

We invite you to join us, in celebration, at the Donald Schoolhouse for handcrafted pottery, fine jewelry, artful face masks, printmaking, gourmet preserves and more! Our safe and COVID-19 compliant outdoor market experience is yours to enjoy. This is a fair weather event. If in doubt or for more information, please visit blackbirdpottery.ca. 5843 Gelert Rd.

Submitted by Blackbird Pottery

Book helps knitters make shawls their own

JENN WATT

Editor

With their new book, Custom Shawls for the Curious and Creative Knitter, Kim McBrien Evans and Kate Atherley set out to create the guide they, as experienced and avid knitters, wanted to read – one that balanced technical advice with an infusion of creativity and colour.

McBrien Evans, who owns West Guilford-based handdyed yarn studio Indigodragonfly, said she had read plenty of publications about shawls, but hadn't yet found one that helped knitters with how to modify designs.

"We've seen people write e-books about different kinds of shawl shapes and how to form them. We haven't seen anything out there that shows you how to change those shapes, and how to shift them. ... We talk about fabric and how knitted fabric is formed and how everything from the fibre in the yarn you choose, the structure of the yarn you choose, and how you did it - what stitch pattern, what gauge - how that affects the finished shawl and how it looks and how it feels to wear it. Nobody has written about that," she said.

The idea of writing a book that included not only how to create a unique hand-knitted shawl, and also how to break the rules of making one, had been percolating with McBrien Evans for some time when she connected with her co-author Atherley about collaborating.

"I was having an online chat ... with two other designers and one of the other designers started talking about what she thought her next book was going to be and it sounded really similar," she said. "So the two of us decided to sit down and see what we had. And what we had was very similar, but the extra bits and pieces that Kate brought to the table and the extra bits and pieces that I brought to the table made this a book unlike any other that's on the market."

The book includes formulas for creating classic shawl shapes and tips on technical aspects such as increases/decreases, cast-on and bind-off methods, and blocking the work. It then takes that information and provides guidance on how to manipulate it into something novel.

"Kate teaches you how to make a shawl, and Kim teaches you how to make it your own, exactly the way you want it to look and feel," a description of the book reads.

Shawls are one of the most popular pieces knitters create, McBrien Evans said, because the size can be more forgiving, gauge doesn't need to be exact and "you're going to end up with a piece of fabric that is some kind of shape you can wrap around your body.'

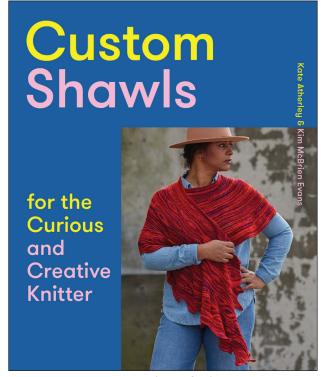
But there are techniques that knitters can employ to modify shawls to suit their needs, from changing the dimensions to picking the colours, which Custom Shawls for the Curious and Creative Knitter discusses.

McBrien Evans, whose yarn-dying business includes products with names like "Gorn with the Wind," "Yamboree," and "Patina Fey," is a colour enthusiast and said selecting hues can cause some knitters consternation.

'So we've developed techniques for making that easier for them and all of those are in the book," she said.

Also in the book is a shawl designed around a particularly flamboyant yarn chosen during a trade show trip the authors took together.

"I remember us being at this trade show and Kate grabbing my hand and pulling me over to this one booth and standing there like a five-year-old with one hand pointing at this yarn saying 'I want this.' And it was a gigantic skein of neon yellow, really bulky yarn," she



Kim McBrien Evans, owner of West Guilford-based Indigodragonfly Studio, has co-authored the book *Custom* Shawls for the Curious and Creative Knitter, to be released in September. The book includes important techniques in shawl creation and instructions on how to deviate from the rules, changing the garment's dimensions and colour to make it unique. /Image supplied

They decided to build a palette in the book in order to use the yarn that had given Atherley such joy.

"It was just, the colour and the size of it, were just ridiculous, but we decided that if we were going to use that yarn in the book that the shawl had to be equally ridiculous and yet wearable. So she ended up knitting this very simple bright yellow triangle that we ended up throwing on a model with a shirt dress ... and it was fantastic. It was exactly what Kate would wear," she said.

Many of the shawls depicted in the book were knitted by the authors themselves, with some assistance to keep the workload manageable. After the photo shoot, they brought their own garments back home.

Because of the tight deadline for publication, McBrien Evans said she was spending four to five hours a day knitting in preparation.

"I felt like I was knitting constantly from the beginning of March until we were driving to the photoshoot [in September] near Boston and I was still knitting one of the shawls," she laughs.

The cover image of their book ended up featuring one of McBrien Evans's designs with yarn dyed at Indi-

Custom Shawls for the Curious and Creative Knitter can be ordered now with a September release date. You can order the book on the Indigodragonfly website and find information about launch events: https://indigodragonfly.ca/pages/new-custom-shawls-for-the-curious-

and-creative-knitter-fall-2020. For local knitters, McBrien Evans will be showing the shawls from the book and hopes to have a copy of Custom Shawls for people to see at the Knit Circle held outside Rails End Gallery in Haliburton on Friday, Sept. 11 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., weather



Kim McBrien Evans is an advocate of embracing the colours that bring you joy. This shawl was conceptualized after her co-author Kate Atherley gravitated to a bright yellow, bulky yarn while at a trade show. The pair decided to make it into something fabulous for the book. /Photo supplied



A stack of beautiful shawls created for Custom Shawls for Curious and Creative Knitters, a book by Kim McBrien Evans of West Guilford and Kate Atherley of Toronto, /Image supplied

permitting. (The Rails End Gallery has a special page for this knitting group: https://railsendgallery.com/ola/ services/knit-circle-on-the-patio.)

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Fate of Haliburton mills uncovered

Mystery of what happened to village's sawmill and gristmill in late 1800s finally solved

STEVE HILL

Haliburton Highlands Museum

When Haliburton Village was first settled in 1864 under the direction of the Canadian Land and Emigration Company, the crucial factor that determined the village's location was the presence of a suitable mill site. The settlers needed lumber to build their homes and the means to grind their grain. They required food and shelter: sawmills and grist mills were essential to a community's development. The original means of access to the Land Company's holdings was up the Kashagawigamog chain of waters by boat from Minden and into Head Lake. The Drag River flows into the lake at its far end. Not far upstream was a small waterfall suitable for powering a mill – a necessity – making it the perfect location for a settlement. These falls were located in the general vicinity of Emmerson Lumber's present dam. This property was reserved by the Land Company as the Mill Reserve; its ownership or tenancy obligated the resident thereof to ensure that such mills did, indeed, operate and thereby serve the needs of the developing community.

The Land Company welcomed the settlers who purchased lands nearby to set up farms and establish new lives for themselves. One of the Land Company's initial priorities was the construction of a sawmill to serve the settlers' needs. Late in 1864 the Land Company's sawmill was completed and began operating. By 1866, a gristmill had been set up and was running as well. Both these mills were water-powered, straddling the Drag River as its waters rushed toward Head Lake. The history of the mills and their importance to the fledgling community are described in Leopolda Dobrzensky's wonderful book *Fragments of a Dream,* along with Kim Emmerson's well-researched publication *The Mill Reserve.*

Haliburton Village initially developed in the shadow of the mills; this was the downtown core before the arrival of the railway and the elaborate Grand Central Hotel seemed to draw the focus further down-street. The mills themselves operated for approximately 30 years, perhaps even sporadically toward the end, although the

details have evaporated in the mists of time.

Minden Village, established 1859, had a similar arrangement on the Gull River where a sawmill and gristmill faced each other across the river's roar. These mills served the needs of settlers in that part of Haliburton County and operated for several years; they were torn down in the early 1930s to make way for the Orillia Water, Light, and Power Commission dam and powerhouse set-up. The powerhouse's Art Deco style is attractive but the quaint old mills which stood there previously were both photogenic and an inspiration to artists with their sketch pads and easels. The image of water tumbling over a rickety-looking dam between two rambling mills appeals to many people's artistic appreciation and sentiments. That quaint view, so typically associated with Minden, is something that lasted far beyond Haliburton Village's similar picturesque setting, now long

What happened to the Haliburton mills? They were large, imposing structures housing the machinery of civilization so important to a village's growth and survival. Yet they have seemingly escaped the photographer's lens and the artist's brush. They are conspicuous by their absence in old village views of Haliburton from the late 1890s and onward. How could something so important vanish and nobody know what became of them? What happened? This is a quirk that has perplexed every historian who endeavoured to record the village's bygone days. When Nila Reynolds wrote In Quest of Yesterday commencing in the early 1960s and Ron Curry wrote Haliburton 100 Years in 1964, it seems there was nobody then living who could put closure on the mills' story. This has long been an embarrassing omission, although not the fault of these authors.

Recently I happened upon a snippet of history that would have been so very welcome by all chroniclers of the village's past. I had to read it twice, to make sure it really said what I thought – and hoped! It is a very sad story, but it solves the mystery of the fate of the Haliburton Mill Reserve's sawmill and gristmill. This is a detail of history, a missing link in the museum's own research over the past 30 years, that has finally been uncovered. It came from the Lindsay Public Library's local newspaper archives site. It is an excerpt from the *Lindsay Warder* newspaper of Aug. 27, 1896, p. 7, as copied by them from the Bobcaygeon Independent, and it describes the



No known photos show both the gristmill and sawmill built in Haliburton Village in 1866 and 1864 respectively. This photo shows the roofs of the mills at the left; the Lucases' house is at right. Because of the changing landscape and alterations to the Drag River's routing at this location (some of which were caused by washouts), it is difficult to orient this photo with the present day. However, the Lucas home was located on Lots 1 and 2 in Block N of the Haliburton Village plot, which would likely place the homestead on the property later occupied by W.R. Curry's red brick house (which still stands) on the northeast corner of Highland Street and Pine Ave. /Photo courtesy of the Haliburton Highlands Museum

tragic fire which destroyed the two mills in less than two hours early one summer morning. The Stewart family (who were involved with the Land Company in its earlier years and owned the property where the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School now stands) ran the *Inde*pendent and often included Haliburton news. We do not know who their Haliburton correspondent was; however, he rather tastelessly refers to the fire as the great event of the year. Sad but true, the sawmill and the gristmill on the Haliburton Village Mill Reserve succumbed to fire in 1896, were totally destroyed, and then forgotten. Long forgotten.

I could not help but wonder what thoughts were running through the minds of the older members of the community as they watched the fire destroy their beloved mills, helpless to do anything about it. They would have remembered the mills' opening ceremonies and lived through the era of the mills in their heyday and appreciated their importance. It goes without saying that John A. Lucas (1860-1945) of the Grand Central Hotel would have been devastated. His father John Lucas Sr. (1823-1874) was responsible for the establishment of the sawmill in a partnership with William Ritchey and a silent partner, William Gainer, back in 1864, the year of the village's founding. John Lucas Jr. would have attended the opening ceremonies for both mills, albeit as a very young

The following information is gleaned from Emmerson's book *Alexander Niven* and Dobrzensky's *Frag*ments of a Dream. Apparently, Mr. Ritchey was a carpenter and had previous sawmill experience before moving to Haliburton. The extent of the involvement of Lucas and Ritchey personally in the actual construction is not known; such an undertaking would require the use of many hands but, unfortunately, there is no surviving record of the workmen's names. The project suffered a setback when the dam broke and part of the river bank was carried away, but the repairs were immediate. On Dec. 8, 1864, the sawmill officially opened amid much cheering, speeches by company officials, and a complimentary dinner for all those in attendance. The sawmill used an up-and-down or pit saw to produce lumber for the settlement; it had the capacity of 3,000 feet per day.

In late 1865, Lucas and Ritchey commenced with the construction of a gristmill on the Mill Reserve Lot. It was officially opened on Feb. 6, 1866, amid cheers, speeches and a commemorative dinner, as had been the sawmill. It is not known how much part Lucas and Ritchey played

in the actual building process, nor is there any record of the workmen involved. Also, it is uncertain whether they ran this mill themselves. In all probability an outside party was likely hired, for a gristmiller's job was a skilled profession requiring some years of training.

After a few years, Lucas and Ritchey decided to pursue other interests. In 1870 they sold the Mill Reserve and the mills back to the Land Company, who took over the management of these important community enterprises. Lucas subsequently became a local hotel keeper while Ritchey opened a store in the village. As owners of the mills and the property, the Land Company arranged for their continuance of operation. Their resident agent - local surveyor Alexander Niven - oversaw the conversion of the sawmill from the up-and-down workings to the more efficient circular saw machinery, which allowed for an annual cutting of 600,000 feet of lumber. They experienced a washout of the dam in 1872, but it was soon repaired. It would appear that while the Land Company had taken over the mills, they leased them to outside parties. The full particulars are not known, but the sawmill did end up being run by a partnership known as Boyd and Irwin. This was Gardiner Boyd, a son of lumber baron Mossom Boyd, and James Irwin, Mossom Boyd's son-in-law. A listing of the gristmill's operators is not available but by 1878 they were being leased by one

The Land Company's settlement plans suffered serious setbacks by the late 1870s. The poor soil conditions hereabouts, the mass exodus of many of the pioneer families to better lands in the West, the presence of free-grant lands in adjoining municipalities and faulty management decisions all combined to jeopardize their operations. In 1883, the company arranged that the same James Irwin, along with a Toronto lawyer named Lockhart Gordon, act as their commissioners. These commissioners later set up the Canadian Land and Emigration Company of Haliburton Limited in 1889, taking over ownership of the original Land Company at that time. The priority changed from settlement to lumbering. Over the years, the new company squabbled with the municipality on several matters, including taxation, road allowances, water access, etc with some hard feelings, unfortunately. The 1893 insurance plan of Haliburton Village shows both the sawmill and gristmill still standing on the Mill Reserve Lot, but by then the

Articles note mills destroyed by fire in 1896

from page 10

sawmill is marked as being vacant. An interesting riddle is a statement by the late Arnot Roberts of Haliburton (1898-1986), as told to Leopolda Dobrzensky during the course of researching her book. Mr. Roberts claimed that, as a child, he was told that the presence of the sawmill had an adverse effect on the flour produced in the adjacent gristmill; some sort of contamination. He did not know the details, he merely parroted what he had been told by elders. This, he added, compelled the local farmers to take their grain over to Stinson's mill in Minden for grinding. Thus it may be that the farmers' trips to Minden for grain grinding began while the Haliburton gristmill was still standing. It is not known for certain when the mills officially ceased operation, but it is known that they were not running at the time of their fiery demise. An item in the Canadian Post from Lindsay, Ont., dated Aug. 21, 1896 states:

"The Irwin Lumber Co. grist and saw mills at Haliburton were burned on Aug. 13th at 4:30 a.m. They had not been operated for some years, owing to a dispute with the corporation [Municipality of Dysart], and most of the machinery had been removed. Incendiarism suspected."

After the fire, the dwindling number of farmers from the "et al"s of Dysart who required their grain to be ground were compelled to go to Stinson's mill over in Minden. Those mills were well-known in the county and were a reputable operation, without question. However for the Haliburton farmers it just meant they had a long drive over and back by horse and wagon, a trip that could mean a stay-over at one of the Minden hotels, which was an additional expense. In 1897, the provincial MP John H. Carnegie (Conservative), tried to arrange to amend the municipal act to enable Haliburton townships or villages by giving them the right to grant a bonus or loan to assist in the establishment of a gristmill, but it is not known if he succeeded. Nevertheless, by 1901, the Municipality of Dysart was advertising in The Globe (Toronto) for someone to build a gristmill for Haliburton; unspecified inducements were offered, but nothing seems to have come of this. It does not appear, however,



This photo shows the Drag River and its bridge, with the gristmill at right and Highland Street buildings at extreme left. /Photo courtesy of the Haliburton Highlands Museum

that they considered re-building the sawmill; perhaps there were enough to serve the community's needs by

The sawmill and gristmill which once graced the Mill Reserve Lot in Haliburton Village served the community well in their day. They deserved better than destruction

by fire, but at least the mystery concerning their fate has finally been uncovered. Hopefully future local history books that document our fair town can make good use of this information.

Steve Hill is curator of the Haliburton Highlands Museum.



"Out Standing In My Field"

Fireworks approved on Labour Day holiday

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed during an Aug. 25 meeting of Dysart

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Council voted six to one with Councillor John Smith being the single nay vote in changing the wording of a fireworks bylaw to include Labour Day weekend as being an approved time for use of fire-

"I find it ironic if inconsistent that we would have a bylaw that acknowledges

blah, and that we wish to take action to placate the risks to humans, animals and environmental health, and we're expanding the occasions on which people can set up fireworks," said Smith. "It's remarkable, and I've had absolutely no one approach me in the past couple of years and say, gee, it would be terrific if I could light off fireworks on Labour Day week-

> The Labour Day amendment to the bylaw allows for fireworks use between 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. on the weekend preceding and including the statutory holiday. It also allows for permitted use of fireworks on days on or around Canada Day depending on the day of the week on which the holiday falls.

> that fireworks have the potential to pol-

lute the air, pollute the water, blah blah

A.J. LaRue arena plans

Dysart staff is preparing to resume bookings for the A. J. LaRue arena.

"Proposed work will include property

line retracement, tree removal, grubbing

and rock removal by mechanical means," said Camelon's report. "Blasting is likely

required to achieve the final grade and

has not been considered in this initial cost. It is anticipated that the work will accom-

modate parking for up to 10 vehicles adja-

Staff will update council on the work at

cent Klondike Kd.'

the October meeting.

"That's going to look very, very different from other years, but it's essential that we offer this recreational service in our community and that we do it safely," said Roberts.

Roberts said the municipality is also planning to offer a work station area in the upstairs of the arena, which could be booked at what Roberts said would be a "fairly minimal" hourly rate, and would offer access to quality wi-fi. She noted updates about the reopening and the use of space, planned to begin in the middle of September, would be posted on the municipality's social media pages

'So those people who are still here in their seasonal homes and want to stay through the fall, and need better internet, we're going to be offering that," said Rob-

Dignan Road to be rehabilitated

Staff said they were "fairly confident" rehabilitation work on Dignan Road could be completed by the end of September at a cost of \$212,000, or failing that, preparation work could be completed this fall with completion of the hard top in spring 2021. The road was assessed to be a good candidate for rehabilitation.

'It has an average pavement condition index of 44, which is considered 'poor,' and has steep road grades throughout much of the road," reads a report from Rob Camelon, director of public works. "The 2020 traffic count, taken near Hodgson Road, is 133 and has an operating speed of 55 kilometres an hour.

"It's surprising that Dignan Road has been on council's agenda for about the last six or seven years at least," said Deputy Mayor Patrick Kennedy. "So if we have an opportunity to put this one behind us I'm all in favour of it."

Council approved the project, with the funding drawn from the development

Klondike Road parking to be improved

Parking will be expanded in the area of Klondike Road at a cost of \$20,000.

"Parking, or lack thereof, on Klondike Road has been a concern of road users for several years," reads director of pub-lic works Rob Camelon's report. "The end of the road has a boat launch used to access Redstone Lake but does not have a defined parking area for day users of the launch, leading to congestion over the summer months.'

The improvements will be funded by the development reserve at a cost of about \$20,000.

Mayoral greetings

In a message to those watching the live streaming council meeting and fellow councillors, Mayor Andrea Roberts said she hoped everyone had a safe and healthy summer.

"It certainly was a different one, but we've had beautiful weather up here in Dysart and we're very, very lucky to live where we are," said Roberts. She also shared a message with teachers, students and parents of students preparing to return to school.

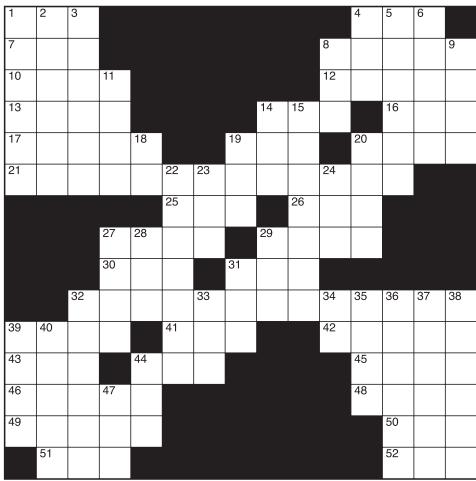
'I'm sure it's been a very difficult and stressful time, so we wish you all the best and we wish everyone a safe return back to school," she said.



It's essential that we offer this recreational service in our community and that we do it safely.

Andrea Roberts

PROFESSI^ONALS



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. They look out for kids
- 4. Play
- 7. Water (French)
- 8. Prayer leader
- 10. Small constellation
- 12. __ Carta: influential bird
- royal charter 13. Pressure unit
- 14. Extrasensory perception
- 16. A symbol of "Aloha"
- 17. Portion of the small
- 20. Very long period of

19. Psychedelic ampheta-

- tıme 21. British overseas territory
 - 25. Cereal grain
 - 26. Car mechanics group
- 27. Wish harm upon
- 29. At a specific prior time
- 30. Peyton's younger brother
- 31. UK firefighters' union
- 32. Carroll O'Connor's screen partner
- 39. Popular show honor-

- ing musicians
 - 41. Basics
 - 42. Honk
 - 43. Trent Reznor's band
- 44. Patti Hearst's captors
- 45. Long-legged wading
- 46. Specialized biological grouping
 - 48. A coin goes in it
 - 49. Of the wind
- 50. One-time measure of length
- 51. A very large body of
 - 52. River in NE Scotland

CLUES DOWN

- Boston hoopster
- 2. A type of bribe
- 3. SE England county
- 4. Returned material
- authorization (abbr.) 5. "Hotel California"
- rockers
 - 6. Italian province
 - 8. Mischievous child
- 9. Popular street name
- 11. Boxing promoter Bob
- 14. Snakelike fish

- 15. Break into pieces
- 18. The Bay State
- 19. Time zone
- 20. Port city in Yemen
- 22. In name only
- 23.007's creator 24. No (Scottish)
- 27. Baseball's Gordon and rock's Snider are two
 - 28. Pie _ __ mode
- 29. Don't know when yet
- 31. Supervises interstate commerce
- 32. Make a ringing metallic sound
 - 33. Helps little firms
 - 34. Pound
- 35. Lilly and Manning are
- 36. Put on the back burner
- 37. Baltimore ballplayer
- 38. Cuddle
- 39. Poker stake
- 40. Drinks to celebrate a birth (Spanish)
 - 44. Pouch
 - 47. Not around

Answers on page 15



Invites you to their **Twenty-Fourth Annual General Meeting** Thursday, September 17, 2020 – 10:00 am

Purpose of the Annual General Meeting: To receive the report of the Board of Directors, to receive the report of the Auditors & Financial Statements, the appointment of the Auditors, to conduct the election of the Directors and any other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Due to the limitations on public gatherings mandated by the government of Ontario as a result of the COVID-19 global pandemic, the 24th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation will be held as a virtual meeting conducted through the ZOOM application.

In order to participate, members of the public who wish to attend will require an invitation, which will provide further information on how to participate.

For further information or to arrange for an invitation, please contact the HHHS Foundation at 705-457-1580, 705-286-1580 or foundation@hhhs.ca



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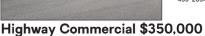




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Sisters seven-year-old Rama Wiso, leff, and eight-year-old Ghadir play swingball during the Stories in the Park Fun Fair on Wednesday, Aug. 26 at Head Lake Park in Haliburton. Limited to only 100 people in the venue at a time because of COVID-19 safety protocols, the Haliburton and District Lions Club event attracted hundreds of people who listened to stories and participated in a variety of activities under the summer sun. They were each given a book to take home. The focus of the event is to encourage children to read. Support the Lions through their 2020 Virtual Toll Bridge Fundraiser at haliburtonlions.com until the deadline Monday, Sept. 7 at noon./ DARREN LUM Staff





NOTICE (Applicant -DECKER)

IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF AN ORIGINAL ALLOWANCE FOR ROAD ALONG THE SHORE OF GOODERHAM LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at a virtual meeting, on Tuesday the 22nd day of September, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

> Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 24, Concession 7, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 1 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by Greg Bishop Surveying and Consulting Ltd., dated August 1, 2018.

The Preliminary Plan of Survey is available to you for inspection by you making an appointment at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus. If you wish to attend the virtual meeting, please call or email the Municipality Clerk prior to the day of the public meeting so you can be provided with a link or phone number for the meeting. If you do not have the capability to attend a virtual meeting, please provide written comments to the Municipal Clerk prior to the public meeting.

Any person or his or her counsel, solicitor or agent who attends the virtual meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to make representations in respect of the within matter.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if the public wishes to participate regarding the purchase of Shoreline Road Allowance please contact the Clerk.

DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 1st day of September, 2020.

> ROBYN ROGERS, CLERK rrogers@highlandseast.ca Box 295, 2249 Loop Road WILBERFORCE, ON KOL 3C0



Rotary Club of Haliburton member and past president Brian Nash holds up a card for four-year-old Harrison Shiner at the conclusion of a card trick.



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Runners come together by staying apart with virtual Boston Marathon

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

It wasn't supposed to be this way. That has been the sentiment for much of life over the past several months, a feeling shared by those with aspirations to take part in one of the world's best-known races, the Boston Mara-

Locally, Haliburton's Sue Shikaze and Duncan Farthing-Nichol were both set to participate in Boston, but this year will adapt the run to the Haliburton Highlands.

Shikaze, who learned the marathon originally scheduled for April 20 and then postponed for Sept. 14 was cancelled this year on May 28 due to risks to the coronavirus, initially didn't want to run in Haliburton County for the Boston Marathon, but changed her mind.

"I decided to run it after rethinking it not so much as a virtual marathon ...but that this is the Boston Marathon for 2020. So in doing the virtual race, I'm fulfilling my goal of running Boston in another age group ... it just looks different and unique this year. Once I started thinking about it that way, I got more motivated. Plus, it's cool knowing that there are over 17,000 people doing the same thing. Helps me feel a bit connected – it's a collective event from a distance," she wrote in an email.

The experienced long-distance runner has earned a place to run in the 55 to 59 age category; it will be her fourth Boston Marathon since 2003 and her participation this year means she will have competed in four consecu-

Participants are being encouraged to complete the 26.2 mile distance in six continuous hours or less with proof of timing and complete the run on any day from Sept. 7 to Sept. 14.

As of last week, Shikaze said the organizers of the marathon, the Boston Athletic Association announced the app for the Boston Marathon was launched to allow access to registered runners.

"It will provide a bunch of great ways for runners to connect to the Boston experience ... things like printable signs, finish line, it will show you where you are in relation to the actual course, sounds of the crowd etc. So that will be fun. And yes – spectators are welcome!" she

Shikaze welcomes support and is planning on starting her run close to 8 a.m. on Saturday, Sept 12. Tentatively, her route is going to be from her home on County Road 1 to the Lochlin Church Road to south Kashagawigamog Road and back on Gelert Road (about 15.5 miles) and then out and back on the Haliburton County Rail Trail to complete the final 10.7 miles.

Coincidentally, Farthing-Nichol, 31, will be running his Boston Marathon on the morning of Sept. 12.

The avid runner, who returned to running a few years ago, welcomes the public's support while he runs his



Haliburton's Sue Shikaze is ready to run the Boston Marathon in Haliburton County on Sept. 12, as an alternative to running it in the U.S. Shikaze's goal is to complete her fourth Boston Marathon in her fourth age group. She welcomes the support from the public on the day of her run./DARREN LUM Staff

first Boston Marathon, which will help him over the 42.2

"A marathon is a long way to go all by yourself. We race to hear the crowds, for their energy, for their bravos and urgings onward doled out to strangers. No crowds this year and rightly so, but a honk or a wave as I'm going by would certainly keep the spirits up (and the spirits do start to dwindle past 30 kilometres). It's just a nice thing to know that people want you to do well," he wrote in an email.

Farthing-Nichol is connected to the Highlands through his girlfriend Jessica Slade, granddaughter of Mary McKee. He plans to wear a bright orange shirt and blue shorts and will start close to 6:30 a.m. and end his run at a planned 9:45 a.m. at 4702 County Rd 21.

His planned run includes Wonderland Road at 6:40

a.m., Wigamog Road at 7 a.m., Caribou Road at 7:30, Ingoldsby at 7:45 a.m., Kashagawigamog Lake Road at 8:15, Haliburton (Head Lake Park) at 9 a.m. the Glebe Park Sculpture Forest at 9:30 and back to the start.

Slade and Farthing-Nichol have been living in Haliburton and working remotely since the lockdown.

Running in the Highlands instead of Boston wasn't part of the goal when he qualified, but he wouldn't be

Nearly every marathoner wants to run Boston some day. If you qualify, you go. I wish, of course, that I was actually to run in Boston, but if not that, then a virtual Boston up and down the many hills of my girlfriend's hometown is the next best thing," he wrote.

Updated: Aug. 31, 2020 - 3:00 pm

This is the cumulative data on confirmed COVID-19 cases in the HKPR District Health Unit area.

	Haliburton	City of Kawartha Lakes	Northumberland	HKPRDHU
Confirmed Cases	15	179	32	226
Current Probable Cases+	0	1	0	1
Current High Risk Contacts+	3	5	8	16
Hospitalizations (Total to Date)	1	11	3	15
Resolved**	15	158	31	204
Not Resolved	0	2	1	3
Deaths	0	32	0	32
Current Outbreaks	0	0	1	1

COVID-19 cumulative data

As of Aug. 31, there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Haliburton County that have not been resolved, and three current high-risk contacts. High-risk contacts are defined as asymptomatic individuals who are known to have been in contact with a confirmed or probable case. This information is updated on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, excluding holidays by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit. Positive COVID-19 tests conducted in Haliburton County on residents with a primary address outside of Haliburton County are recorded in the health unit of that address. /Screenshot from the HKPR District Health Unit website at hkpr.on.ca.

No ultramarathon at Forest this year

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

While some running events such as Minden's Highland Yard or the worldrenowned Boston Marathon have gone virtual due to the risks associated to COVID-19, others have been cancelled for the year, including the Haliburton Forest Trail Race.

An online post by race director Tegan Legge on July 15 to the Haliburton Forest Ultra website announced the cancellation of the 2020 Haliburton Forest Trail Race.

'The crew at Haliburton Forest and our incredible team of race organizers are sad to announce we will be cancelling the Haliburton Forest Trail Race 2020," she wrote. "As you can imagine it was a very tough decision for us to make. We thank everyone that reached out through Facebook, email and messenger to provide feedback."

Legge said runners were understand-

ing, supportive and most have deferred to next year.

"We were all sad to cancel the Haliburton Forest Family Reunion, as the racers call it, but we will be back next year to keep our running family safe," she wrote in an email to the Echo.

Legge said even without a race there have been people coming to camp or stay in the Forest's accommodations and explored the trails on their own.

If there was enough interest by runners to come the race weekend, the Forest posted online that it would have water bottles at the six aid stations from Friday night to Sunday afternoon along the traditional race route. Routes would not be marked and runners would be required to navigate on their own.

The demanding trail running event, which includes various distances such as the epic 100 mile distance, a 50 mile, 50 kilometre, 26 kilometre and 12 kilometre, was to have taken place in September.

On average the event has drawn about 800 runners, their family and supporters over the weekend.

75th anniversary of the end of WWII_

War made men out of boys

STEPHEN SHAW

From the Echo archives

This article was originally published in the May 2, 1995 edition of the Haliburton County Echo. We are republishing some of the articles from that year to mark the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War.

In the days following the Allies' victory in Europe, Murray Linkert was reassigned to the United States as a fighter pilot in the war across the Pacific Ocean.

And after three years as a Canadian flight instructor for the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan, preparing and readying pilots for the heat of battle, Linkert was looking forward to finally fulfilling the teenage dream he had when he dropped out of a Hamilton school and enlisted.

Just two weeks before he was to head overseas, though, his conversion from instructor to fighter was put off and his dream along with it.

But looking back a half century later, he says it was just

as well.

"The war was over in Europe but not Japan and I was on leave for two weeks before I was supposed to go over. But while I was on leave, they dropped the big one. I wanted to go over but since then I've thought I'm lucky

that I didn't. It's one thing to want the glory but it's another thing to be alive," says Linkert, 50 years wiser.

Like many teenagers during World War II, Linkert left school to enlist in the military. When he realized that he required a Gr. 12 (equivalent) before he could be accepted to flight training school, he sped through night school to achieve it and re-apply.

"I could only be an air gunner with the education I had and most of the tail end gunners were always dead within six months. I was a young kid at the time and I wanted the glory of being a fighter pilot," says Linkert. "I was still young and studie"."

"I was still young and stupid."

As a talented "tumbler" in high school, he was a perfect fit for the cockpit, considering he was used to spinning motion. Upon his completion of aviation training, rather than being sent off overseas as a fight pilot, he was sent back to the classroom.

Much to his surprise, and disappointment, Linkert was assigned the trustworthy task of flight training under the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan – which trained and prepared more than half of all Allied fighter pilots

The training program was gruelling and risky, and those who made it were changed for life. "Once you were finished if you said jump, they would say how high. They would learn discipline and they would grow up."

The plan was responsible for readying Allied coun-

tries' future pilots for the unfriendly war-time skies. After VE day, both Winston Churchill and Franklin Roosevelt said victory could not have been achieved if it weren't for such skilled training.

Linkert spent three years during the war as an instructor and trained more than 50 pilots on Harvard fighter jets before they moved onto the more advanced Hurricane jets. There were many more than the 50 he mentions, but those were just the ones that survived the training.

ing.
"One-third of all Allied air force casualties were killed during the training. You'd think they would get killed over there not here," says the remarkably young looking 74-year-old Cardiff banker.

Linkert was one of four Flying Officers presented with the distinguished Air Force Cross.

Posters and pictures of classic bomber and fighter aircrafts such as the Mustang, Harvard, Hurricane, Lancaster and Spitfire jets line the walls of his office at the Wilberforce bakery where he works.

Following the war, Linkert was twice offered a permanent lifetime commission and twice turned it down. He had enough of the military but kept up his aviation skills doing aerobatic air shows with the City of Hamilton Squadron

"It was nice to be young and it's one of those things that you wouldn't have missed it for the world; but you wouldn't want to go through it again."

War seen through a writer's eyes

STEPHEN SHAW

From the Echo archives

This story was originally published in the Haliburton County Echo on May 2, 1995.

"I only wish that all men who dream of war, who talk of glory or the grave, who aim at conquest through killing might see these charnel fields of Normandy."

Frederick Griffin Toronto Star, August 24, 1945

Proudly sifting through a bag full of yellow, fading newspaper clippings, wartime photos from the frontlines and long-ago wire messages, Mary Ferns recounts the lengthy, late night discussion she had with her father in

December, 1945.

The three-hour "interview" in the hallway of her parents' Toronto home would be the first, and last, meaningful discussion the two would have.

"I can remember he was just so interested in hearing about me. We just stood there and talked and talked and talked. He was questioning me about my course at university and other things and it was really like an interview when you stop and think about it. He was genuinely interested," says Mrs. Ferns describing the conversation just a few months after the fall of Germany in World War II. "It was really the only time I ever had a long talk with my dad."

Her father was the legendary *Toronto Star* reporter and war correspondent Frederick Griffin. Two weeks later, on Jan. 15, 1946, he died of what was then termed a coronary.

But, looking back almost 50 years later, only weeks away from the half-century anniversary of VE Day, Mrs. Ferns says it was the stress of being in the warzone that ended her father's adventurous 56-year life.

The Irish-born Griffin, the oldest of six brothers, was recognized for his influence on a generation of journalists. He was inducted into the Canadian News Hall of Fame in 1977 for his standard-raising accounts of newsworthy events.

From his detailed and gripping first-hand reports from the trenches of WWII battlefields to his in-depth coverage of the Halifax ammunitions explosion and Churchill's visit to Washington in the 1940s, "Griff", as he was known by his peers, was the eyes and ears for a nation.

His passion and devotion to his work, which took him on a never-ending train ride around the globe following



Toronto Star war correspondent Frederick Griffin.

his rise from a *Star* library clerk to first-rate reporter, was what distinguished him from others in the field.

The respect and admiration Griffin garnered among his colleagues and readers were overwhelming. "No one will ever realize what Frederick Griffin's example meant to young newspapermen. His zest, accuracy, colour, his ability to get facts, set a high objective for youngsters trying to make newspaper work a career, "wrote journalist and friend Gregory Clark in an obituary. "It will be another whole generation before the influence of Frederick Griffin on Canadian newspaperdom will ever be forgotten."

Mrs. Ferns digs deep into an envelope of newspaper clippings and photos and pulls out cherished memories – many which take her back to the family cottage on Devil's Lake (today the Highland Trail Lodge on what's now known as Salerno Lake).

"I remember when I was really young sitting with him outside on this big rock at night and him singing Irish songs to me," she says recalling a short weekend visit he would frequently make to Haliburton during the summer months. (They lived in Toronto during the rest of the year.)

Each Saturday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. Griffin would take the train to Kinmount where he would meet his wife Luella and their young daughter Mary for a 25-hour weekend. On Sunday at 5:00 p.m. he would catch the return train to Toronto and work.

"He used to love coming up to Haliburton. He'd always sneak out and go have some drinks with his friends behind a barn," says Mrs. Ferns, who now calls Irondale home.

Griffin was dispatched overseas for what would be a five-year assignment covering the horrors of war, an experience which exacts a high toll.

"He came home in 1944 and he wasn't well but he wanted to go back to be in France because he knew the war was ending."

"When you're terrified it contributes to exhaustion. Especially when you're over 50 years old. He was thin and drawn and just exhausted when he came back," says Mrs. Ferns, who was in her early 20s at the time. Even though he was due a three-month vacation, Griffin was called back after just three weeks and sent to Windsor for a six-week assignment.

"They sent him to doctors to be checked out but three weeks later he died. This man died so young as a result of the war.

"We later found out that he had a heart attack while in Dieppe, but he hid it from the *Star* because he would have been brought home."

While readers became familiar with his daily reports, there was little time for the father and daughter to get to know one another as she was growing up, Mrs. Ferns says without any trace of bitterness. "As a child he was always gone. He would be away six months of the year but it was his job; it was what he did. He was a wonderful man."

Griffin's chillingly descriptive reports from the frontlines of the battlefields painted a crystal-clear picture of the horrors which he witnessed.

"I drove for miles through the most fearful cemetery that Western Europe has ever known and only saw a fraction of it. This was the cemetery of the 7th German Army, or that considerable portion of it which was trapped in the Normandy gap and slaughtered. There died an army. There died Hitler's last hope of holding the Allies. It lies rusting and rotting in the byroads and fields, in lanes and orchards with a horrible finality."

VDO golf fundraiser generates more than \$40,000

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Ten years on and the annual Volunteer Dental Outreach Golf Tournament continues to be a success thanks to the support of the community.

The day-long event hosted on Aug. 20 at the Blairhampton Golf Club in Minden raised more than \$40,000 to fund the operating costs of the VDO for Haliburton County clinic.

VDÓ founder and board member Lisa Kerr said the organization appreciated the

support for the event.
"The board of directors realizes how difficult this year has been for so many people and businesses and really appreciates the support we received for this tour-

A golfer drives the ball at the 10th annual Volunteer Dental Outreach Charity Golf Tournament on Thursday, Aug. 20 at the Blairhampton Golf Club in Minden. The fundraiser included 112 golfers who helped to raise more than \$40,000 for the VDO for Haliburton County, which provides free urgent dental care for low income residents of Haliburton County./ DARREN LUM Staff

nament," she said in a statement. "It will really help us to continue to provide free dental care for those in need in our community. We were very pleased with the turnout and how smoothly the day went given all the new health protocols to keep everyone safe and would like to thank everyone who helped out, sponsored and participated.' The event supports the VDO in its effort

to provide free dental care to those with financial barriers to seeing a dentist, denturist or dental hygienist.

As of the day of the event, the VDO has treated 1,004 patients, 7,993 appointments, \$2,863,160 and provided \$2,859,050 in free dentistry services.

Although the community was the winners on the day of the event, the top golfing honours went to the top team/mixed team of Karen Heise, Landon Kelly, Nyah





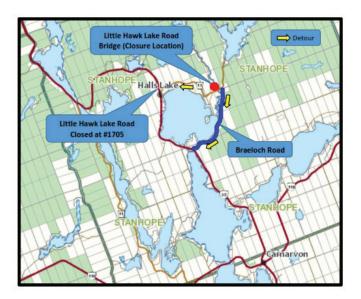
Little Hawk Lake Road Bridge Replacement

The Little Hawk Lake Road Bridge will be undergoing replacement commencing September 8, 2020. The work will continue for approximately 6 weeks. Little Hawk Lake Road will be closed at the location of the Bridge Repair effective September 14, 2020. Travelers must use the Braeloch Road route to access beyond #1705 Little Hawk Lake Road.

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> > Pam Weiss, Administrative Assistant County of Haliburton Public Works Department pweiss@county.halburton.on.ca 705-286-1760 x 225

See attached map for reference



Lois Maxwell and Marilou Mizzan. The top men's team was Steve Kerr, Ryan Kerr, J.J. Kerr and Justin Cusato. The most honest team was Howard and Charmaine Clarke, Mark Arike and Michael Proctor.

Kelly and Matt Kelly. The top ladies team was Lynn Bartlett, Dianne Whitmarsh, ent holes went to Tim and Lynda Wood, ent holes went to Tim and Lynda Wood, Brad and Heather Laviolette, Linda Bradley, Cathy Young, Kevin Golding, Justin Cusato and Roger Trull.

Next year's event is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 19.



Municipality of Dysart et al

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NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND NOTICE OF **ELECRONIC PUBLIC MEETING**

PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT TO ZONING BY-LAW 2005-120 OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

Friday, September 25TH, 2020 DATE:

TIME: 1:00 pm

LOCATION: The public meeting will take place as an electronic meeting only.

The meeting will be recorded through the conferencing

application and live streamed to YouTube.

APPLICATIONS:

- 1. Lands of Barber
 - Purpose and Effect: The proposed amending By-law would change the zoning to a portion of subject lands in order to permit the development of a proposed septic system and accessory garage.
 - The proposed zoning by-law amendment would see a zone change to a portion of the Open Space -1 (OS-1) exception Zone to Waterfront Residential (WR4) Zone on the subject property.
 - Location: Havelock Con 1 Pt Lots 1 And 2 Pt Shore Rd Allow Plan 588 Lot 57 Pt Blk O West Shore Crt And RP 19R7840 Parts 3 To 5 RP 19R8117 Parts 3 To 6, Geographic Township of Havelock, Municipality of Dysart et
- 2. Lands of 2327568 Ontario Inc.
 - Purpose and Effect: The proposed amending By-law application was received to rezone the subject property in order to permit a Commercial Dance Studio within a General Industrial Zone.
 - The proposed zoning by-law amendment would see a zone change from General Industrial (M) Zone and Environmental Protection (EP) Zone to General Industrial - XX (M-XX) exception Zone and Environmental Protection Zone.
 - Location: as Part Lot 12, Concession 9, Part 29, Plan 19R-2953 in the Geographic Township of Dysart, Municipality of Dysart et al.
- 3. General Amendment to By-law 2005-120, pursuant to Section 26(9) and 34 of the Planning Act.
 - Purpose and Effect: The Municipality of Dysart et al is undertaking a review of its Comprehensive Zoning By-law to ensure that it conforms to the policy provisions of the recently approved Official Plan, and to ensure that the planning policies of the Municipality are current and address the needs of the community.
 - Location: this amendment will affect all lands within the Municipality.

Due to the Covid-19 Emergency, Council passed By-law 2020-35 to amend the Municipality of Dysart et al's Procedural By-Law to permit electronic participation in meetings for Council, Local Boards and Committees. There will not be an inperson meeting; this meeting will be conducted in an electronic format only.

For more information about electronic meetings and public participation in an electronic meeting, contact the Municipal Clerk at mbishop@dysartetal.ca.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: For information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, please contact Jeff Iles, Director at jiles@dysartetal.ca during regular office hours (Monday to Friday – 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION and material related to the General Review of the Zoning By-law, including a copy of the draft by-law and mapping schedules, will be posted on the Municipality's website at: https://www.dysartetal.ca/15067/.

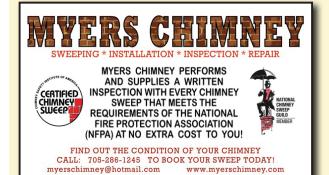
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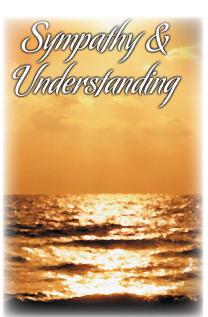
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BRUMWELL, Mary Hazel (née Hooper)

June 12, 1940 – August 29, 2020

Passed away peacefully after a brief battle with cancer, at her home with her family at her side in Haliburton, Ontario on Saturday, August 29, 2020. Mary was the beloved wife of 60 years to Howard Brumwell. Loving mother of Paul Brumwell and Karen (Alan) Jenkins. Cherished Nanna of Mary (Joel) Park, Bryan (Jenny) Jenkins, Alex (Alisha) Jenkins and the late Andrew Jenkins. Proud Great Nanna to Leah Park. Mary is survived by her siblings Ellen, Dorothy and Charles; and is predeceased by her brother George.

Visitation will take place at the Low & Low Funeral Home, 23 Main Street South, Uxbridge (905-852-3073) on Saturday, September 5, 2020 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. In keeping with COVID-19 Regulations from the Bereavement Authority of Ontario all attendees are asked to wear a mask or face covering, maintain social distancing and the capacity within the building will be limited throughout the visitation time. If desired memorial donations to the Haliburton Highland Health Services Foundation or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family. Online condolences can be made at www.lowandlow.ca

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Pastor Douglas "Doug" Ross (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)



Peacefully at Peterborough Regional Health Centre in Peterborough on Wednesday morning, July 29, 2020 in his 65th year. Beloved husband and best friend of Kim Ross (nee Newman). Loving father of Joe, Kirk (Crystal), Raymond and James. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Alyssa, Matthew, Samantha, Koral, Brooke, Lily, Damian, Jakob, Olivia, Akaterine, and great grandchildren Mckenna, Carter and Cash. Dear brother of Shirley Powell, Wanda Penny and June Ross. Predeceased by his parents Fraser Ross and Jessie Ross (nee Fraser) and by his granddaughter Chloe. Also lovingly remembered by his brother-in-laws Kenneth, Kevin and Kirby and by his many nieces and nephews. Doug started his career in woodworking, sold cars for many years, owned Eddie Shack's Donuts & Snacks in Newmarket, Mississauga and Rossco's Cafe in downtown Oshawa. He and Kim opened Granny Williams, a confectionery manufacturing business in the early 1980's which they owned and operated for over 30 years. Doug was a very involved in Politics in Durham Region. He also served as a School Board Trustee and Chairman for many years. Doug was a pastor and evangelist for many years in locations throughout Ontario and presently pastoring The Lighthouse in Haliburton.

Visitation & Private Funeral Service

Friends called at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Sunday afternoon, August 2, 2020 from 3 - 5 p.m. A Funeral Service was held at CROSSPOINT CHURCH 700 Ritson Road N., Oshawa, Ontario on Friday evening, August 7, 2020 at 7 o'clock. As an expressions of sympathy, donations to The Lighthouse Pentecostal Church P.O. Box 287, Haliburton ON K0M 1S0 would be appreciated www.communityfuneralhomes.com

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Let the wooing of voters begin

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

After weeks of anticipation and build-up, Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced Sunday morning that a fall election will take place Tuesday, October 14.

By Sunday afternoon election signs were already sprouting up across Haliburton County like wild mushrooms, proving local candidates aren't going to waste any time in their campaigns to represent the Highlands in the

House of Commons.

By yesterday three candidates had announced their intentions to run in the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock riding, including Conservative incumbent Barry Devolin, Liberal challenger Mar-lene White, and NDP newcomer Stephen Yardy.

White replaces former Liberal candidate Greg Walling, who lost to Devolin by more than 12,000 votes in the 2006 election, while Yardy replaces NDP candidate Anne MacDermid, who came in third in 2006 with 17.22 per cent of the vote.

In an interview with the Echo Devolin said his campaign over the next four weeks will focus on what he believes have been four successful years as Haliburton's member of parliament.

"On the local level I see this election as the equivalent of a performance review," he said. When I was first elected in 2004 I made it a priority to improve service to my constituents



Ready to start learning

Kaitlynne Fischer was all smiles for her kindergarten teacher Alison Perecko on the first day of school last Tuesday. Aside from a few tears, it was smiles all around for teachers and students alike at Stuart Baker Elementary School. See more photos page 3.

Haliburton running for Terry for 27 years

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

Twenty-eight years ago a heroic young man named Terry Fox started running in his fight against cancer.

He ran 5,373 kilometres in 143 See Devolin page 19 days before cancer put an end to his Marathon of Hope.

burton started running for Terry

It was April 12, 1980 when Fox dipped his artificial leg into the Atlantic Ocean in Newfoundland to start his cross-Canada journey to raise awareness and money for it. At the time they didn't know cancer and cancer research. He much about the 21-year-old

had lost his leg to cancer and be-Twenty-seven years ago Hali- lieved that a cure could be found if more money was available.

More than 3,000 kilometres away in Haliburton, Frank and Wilma Powers were busy preparing for spring and all the activities that come along with Winnipeg-born, British Columbia-raised Fox, but they sson

"We remember following his run," says Wilma looking at her husband Frank across the kitchen table in their Haliburton home. "We remember when Terry stopped in September

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